

TOWN OF POLK
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2009

I. Call meeting to Order at 7:30 p.m.

A. The Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Schulteis lead with the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Official Meeting Notice - Chairman A. Schulteis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.. Chairman Schulteis verified notice was sent to the West Bend News, Hartford Times Press, WBKV, WTKM, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and posted on the website and at the Town Hall, Highway View School and Cedar Lake Hills bulletin boards.

C. Roll Call - Members present: Chairman A. Schulteis, Supervisor H. Groth, Supervisor T. Merten, Treasurer S. Kissinger and Zoning Secretary Judy Stephenson. Clerk C. Whelan was excused absence. See lists of guests. (Page #).

D. Approval of the Town Board Minutes for July 14, 2009 and Special Town Board Meeting for July 29, 2009.

Motion made by Supervisor H. Groth to approve the Town Board minutes for July 14, 2009, and Special Town Board Minutes for July 29, 2009 with corrections (*italicized*) seconded by Supervisor T. Merten. Motion Carried.

D. Public Presentation (15 Minutes) - None

II. Unfinished Business -Discussion/Possible Action on the Following - None

III. New Business - Discussion/Possible Action on the Following:

A. Operators' Licenses. - None

B. Charter Communications request approval for a single percentage franchise fee for all of the Town of Polk - Chairman Schulteis stated that currently there are different rates in the different parts of the Town with some parts at 2% and others at 3% and Charter would like to combine them all into a 3% rate with a single check being paid to the Town.

Motion made by Supervisor T. Merten to approve the request for Charter Communications for a single percentage franchise fee. Motion was seconded by Supervisor H. Groth. Motion carried.

C. Lifestar Emergency Medical Service, L.L.C. - Emergency Medical Service Contract with the Town of Polk - TRIP (Tax Refund Intercept Program) a letter of support to change legislation allowing all Licensed Ambulance Provides in Wisconsin to Collect for the emergency services.

Mike Krueger, President of Lifestar, stated that they are the provider for the western two-thirds of

the Town. He further stated that they are seeking a simple contract with the Town designating Lifestar as provider over the area that they currently serve, at a cost of zero dollars; there would be no charge to the Town. Mr. Krueger stated that they wanted to be in charge of the territory designation and not let the Slinger Fire Department be in a position to change Lifestar's territory. He stated that the sample draft contract presented was very similar to the one they have with the Village of Slinger. Chairman Schulteis stated that the contract showed West Bend instead of Polk on one page and that would need to be corrected. Mr. Krueger stated that the Slinger Fire Department provides the Town with fire and rescue services but not medical care and transport, although the Fire Department does have some EMT's; the Slinger Fire Department and Lifestar cover the same territory.

Mr. Krueger stated that the TRIP program currently allows municipally owned ambulance services to collect for unpaid services; what his company and a number of other privately owned ambulance companies across the State are trying to do is get that expanded to any ambulance service that responds to 911 calls. He further stated that someone could call for ambulance service 100 times in a year and they would have to keep responding no matter what, even if the person does not pay any of the bills. Mr. Krueger stated that the TRIP program allows for an interception of tax refunds and lottery winnings to collect for unpaid ambulance service; currently this program is only available to municipally owned ambulance services. He further stated that approximately 8% of what Lifestar bills for their service is written off as bad debt. Discussion was held. Mr. Krueger stated that the State reimburses the Fire Departments for responding to highway accidents but does not reimburse the ambulances; Lifestar gets its fees only from the users of its services. Further discussion was held.

Motion was made by Supervisor T. Merten to approve the Emergency Medical Service contract with no cost to the Town and with a copy to go to the Town Attorney. Motion seconded by Supervisor H. Groth. Motion carried.

D. Review the Recycling Center and Instructions for citizens to follow in Recycling Center.

The Board reviewed the Recycling Center instructions. Chairman Schulteis stated that the instructions should be updated. Motion made by T. Merten and seconded by H. Groth that the instruction sheets given to the Town residents for the Recycling Center be updated. Motion carried.

E. Contract with Pitney Bowes for Mailing System Renewal -Discussion was held.

Motion by H. Groth and seconded by T. Merten to table the contract decision. Motion carried.

E. Zoning Violations - Discussion held on a property on Hwy. C where a citation had been issued for metal parts and junk in the yard.

V. Financial

A. Treasurer's Report dated August 11, 2009 - (See page #)

Treasurer Shirley Kissinger stated that she was in talks with the bank about the service charges.

Motion by T. Merten and second by H. Groth to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

B. Review of Revenues & Expenditures - Treasurer Shirley Kissinger stated that the Town would be receiving a \$93,587.00 tax settlement check from Washington County.

Motion made by Supervisor T. Merten to approve the revenues and expenditures seconded by Supervisor H. Groth. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Checks and Payroll -

Motion was made by Supervisor H. Groth to approve the checks and payroll, seconded by Supervisor T. Merten. Motion Carried.

VI. Other Business

A. Correspondence to be Review - Judy Stephenson, Zoning Secretary, read a thank you card that had been received from the family of Raymond Hoefert.

B. Chairman's Report, Correspondence and Notices - Chairman Schulteis stated that a notice had been received from Washington County regarding the Gypsy Moth Program for 2010 with the application due by December 5, 2009. He further stated that the Town received a request from an individual from the Town as far as putting a container in our recycling center for putting empty garbage bags that have been used to bring recycling items to the center. Bill Loser stated that there were only a few people who used bags - most people bring in their recyclables in boxes or barrels that they then take home with them. Chairman Schulteis stated that a request had been received from someone for information on the repaving of Hillside Rd. from Sherman to Hwy. 175 and requesting a turning lane on Hwy. 175 onto Hillside Rd. He further stated that he received a call with regard to number of vehicles on site and painting being done at Dave Houle's auto repair. Discussion was held. Chairman Schulteis stated he would talk to the Sheriff's Department about Houle's.

C. Fire Department Report - Jackson Fire Report - June 2009 - Slinger Fire Department Quarterly Report - Chairman A. Schulteis read the Jackson Fire Department report. He also read the Slinger Fire Department Quarterly Report noting that calls on the report may not have actually been in the Town.

D. Road Matters - Discussion & Possible Action on Road Matters -

Chairman A. Schulteis stated that he had talked to two people about the culvert for Slinger Rd. just south of Hwy. E and they agreed that unless the Town totally rebuilds the road, it does not pay to pull the culvert because it is lying in muck - the muck will not shift in winter but the road does. He further stated that we continue to wait for Washington County to change the two

culverts on Hillside Road; they estimate it may be done the first week in September. The County will be doing striping in the next week or two. They have been given a map for that purpose.

VII. Adjournment

Motion was made by Supervisor H. Groth, seconded by Supervisor T. Merten to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Stephenson
Zoning Secretary